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EXHIBIT: #VI.A.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: William H. Beardsley, Deputy Commissioner*

DATE: May 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of the Review Team for the Endicott College Out-of-State Institution Application Review to offer credit courses in Maine.

BACKGROUND: Endicott College is an independent institution in Massachusetts accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Endicott College offers students a vibrant academic environment that remains true to its founding principle of integrating professional and liberal arts with experiential learning including internship opportunities across disciplines. The College fosters a spirit of excellence by creating a challenging yet supportive and inclusive environment in which students are encouraged to take intellectual risks, pursue scholarly and creative interests, contribute to the community, and explore diverse career paths.

Endicott College has entered into a license arrangement with the Maine Educator's Consortium (MEC). MEC will offer professional development opportunities to adult learners through both undergraduate and graduate course offerings and programs. MEC will provide, hybrid professional development opportunities to pre K-12 pre-service and in-service educators, marketing, and register students in Maine for Endicott College.

Endicott College has submitted an application for an out-of-state institution to offer credit courses in Maine. This application will need to be evaluated focusing primarily upon whether the applicant meets the Board's course granting standards as found in Chapter 149. An interview with Endicott College is scheduled for May 18, 2016 via Skype.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approves the list for potential State review team members for the Endicott College Out-of-State Institution Application Review and designate Dr. Bruno Hicks of University of Maine at Fort Kent as Chair.

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Proposed State Review Team Membership

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